

1-A-Day SCRIPTURE

**Scripture
and
Notes
for
Each
Day
of the
Year**

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A major aim of sharing these One-A-Day Scripture guidelines is to foster personal studies, questions, and deeper levels of thought. As the pursuit of wisdom and instruction from the Most High is undertaken, one hope is to contribute insight, or at least discussion. Simultaneously, the goal is to keep in mind that no human has ever or will ever know every single thing about every single thing—no one. Ever.

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April 1

Isaiah 43:2

“You Are Not Alone”



**When thou passest through
the waters, I will be with
thee; and through the rivers,
they shall not overflow thee:
when thou walkest through
the fire, thou shalt not be
burned; neither shall the
flame kindle upon thee.**

Regardless to where you
were or how tough the
situation, God was
assured to be present.

While this passage was
not written to every

person or even to every Believer, it may be seen as encouragement to those who trust in God.

There are plenty scriptures which are preserved as instruction for Believers to count on God's presence and care. This one, as with others, does not, in any way, indicate that God's people will always be

shielded from
tumultuous floods
or fires—the harshness or
various challenges of life.

There is no glossy
exemption for problem-
free lives, even for those
who fully trust and believe
God and who rely on his
divine intervention.

In fact, according to a
great deal of biblical
passages, it is often

BECAUSE of our
relationship with God
that there are seemingly
greater difficulties.
Because we have aligned
ourselves with God,
the floods of adversity
are sometimes higher and
the fires of oppression
are often hotter than
those for others.

Nonetheless, God is able

to guide us in overcoming
life's overflow and in
fighting the fires of this
existence. And through it
all, God is with us.

Indeed, we are not alone.

Any true Believer may
personally draw from this
passage, and more directly
from Scripture as a whole,
that when going through
the waters, God is with

you. When going through
the rivers, God is with you.

When having to endure
the fires, God is with you.

No matter what is
happening, God
really is with you.

So, understand this.
Know this. No doubt.

No doubt!
You are not alone.

April 2

Romans 8:38, 39

“Inseparable”



**³⁸ For I am persuaded, that
neither death, nor life, nor
angels, nor principalities, nor
powers, nor things present,
nor things to come, ³⁹ Nor
height, nor depth, nor any
other creature, shall be able
to separate us from the love
of God, which is in Christ
Jesus our Lord.**

High-powered rulers or
any who may have
authority on earth or in a
spiritual realm, may
threaten a sense of

stability for some. There are all kinds of things, people, and situations which may cause discomfort or various unsettling feelings.

As for True Believers, however, none of those things can separate us from God's love.

We could be separated

from other people.

It is possible to be separated from places and things, to which we may hold some degree of attachment, but true

Believers cannot be separated from God either on earth or in eternity.

In this way, we are inseparable.



In 1975, a Rhythm

and Blues (R&B) singer,
Natalie Cole, sang a song
by this very name,
“Inseparable”. In it, she
described a very close
relationship with
someone.

The lyrics start with:

Inseparable.

That's how we'll always be.

Inseparable.

*Just you and me.
It's so wonderful to know
you'll always be around
me...*

It's good as a song and as
sentiments for personal
relationships, but it lacks
the guarantee of
Romans chapter 8,
verses 38 and 39.
People leave. People die.
People can become

mentally detached, even while physically present—whether intentionally, as in pouting, or even unintentionally, as in symptoms of certain mental conditions.

So that song, while beautifully performed, is not accurate in terms of reality and especially not regarding eternity.

Believers are,
according to Scripture,
inseparable from
the love of God
in Christ Jesus
both now, in this
existence called “life”,
and also beyond it.

That’s truly
inseparable!

April 3

Titus 1:14

“Religious Fables”



**Legends
& Myths**

**Man's
Pseudo-
religious
RULES**

**They Are
Turned
Against
Truth &
They Turn
You Away
From Truth**

Not giving heed to
Jewish **fables**, and
commandments of
men, that turn from
the truth.

*Mark 7:9 tells us, “And
he said unto them, Full
well ye reject the
commandment of
God, that ye may
keep your own
tradition.*

Fables and commands of people are able to turn some from the truth. They do so because they, the fables and human-made requirements, themselves, are often already turned away from truth. Some fables are, at their very core, anti-truth, but we have to understand

what TRUTH actually
means to fully grasp
this message.

*In John 14:6, we have
vital information about
the truth, “Jesus saith
unto him, I am the way,
the truth, and the life:
no man cometh unto
the Father, but by me.”*

Anyone who listen to

religious fables and rules which were made by humans (those which are not God-honoring) and follow them as instructions for living, may eventually become turned away from the truth. They could become blind followers of blind leaders.

*Matthew 15:14 says
Let them alone: they
be blind leaders of the
blind. And if the blind
lead the blind, both
shall fall into the ditch.*

Now, there's nothing
wrong with hearing
fables. Classic
children's fables, like
Aesop's Fables, can be

great for teaching
general principles.
One such fable is the
Tortoise and the Hare,
where the lesson is
that determination
and persistence are
better than speed
without commitment.

This verse does not
address such

anecdotes.

Rather, it warns
against placing great
regard on
non-scriptural
religious stories to the
degree that Scripture,
itself, and God's spirit,
itself, are disregarded.
Religious fables, can
be so impactful, that
they can take

precedence over truth.

One Jewish fable
is of a cow that
miraculously refrained
from eating on the
Sabbath. It was told
to enforce strict
abstinence and
extreme requirements
during Sabbath days.
Such fables turn

people away from
the truth of God's
much deeper concern
about the salvation
of one's soul.

Whatever one has high
regard for, has the
potential to affect the
person in some way.
That is why Believers
should *take heed* to

what we *give heed*.
We must be vigilant
concerning
what we consider
important enough to
follow or to practice
as a lifestyle.

Believers must take
care not to, even
naively, embrace
religious fables or
traditions that have

no root in scriptural
godliness. Those may
lure us away and
tempt us to turn
from the truth.

April 4

Romans 10:1-3

“Zealously Ignorant”



¹ Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved.

² For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge.

³ For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.

Question:
What happens when

people who profess
to know, love, and
belong to God are
“ignorant of God’s
righteousness”?

Answer:

They refuse to
submit to God’s
righteousness and,
instead, they chase
after their own
righteousness.

Even well-meaning
people who think
they are following
God, can have such
zeal—an excitement,
an enthusiasm, a
bona fide passion for
God, but (based on
this passage) could
have all of that fire
and desire under
the heading,
“but **not** according to

knowledge”.

In other words, one can be majorly eager and still be in major error. One could seem to be “all IN”, but actually be all in opposition to the submission of God’s very righteousness.

People do it all the

time. They get error
then they go wrong.

They seek and
sometimes even
create their own
man-made
“righteousness”.
It’s totally the stuff
by which cults are
created and
maintained. It is
the foundation of
pro-self, anti-Christ,

rebellion in thinking
and behavior.

It's as wrong as a
polar bear on a
Florida beach in the
middle of July.

One who has an
eagerness for things
of God but without
the knowledge of God
is in a dangerous
position.

Paul was saying:
I'm not just saying
something I've heard
somewhere or
something I think
could happen; I've
seen it for myself.

I've actually
witnessed people who
have a real zeal for
God, but they want it
their way— not God's
way!

They want their own
righteousness—
perhaps something
that makes them feel
pious or a brand of
“righteous” that
doesn't keep them too
busy or demand too
much sacrifice.

Far too many just
don't know God. They
don't understand
God's righteousness

and are content
bouncing around
dancing, jabbering
nonsense, falling on
floors and squirming,
barking, heading
shows and drives,
serving on boards
and committees,
while all along,
not having the
knowledge of God.
It's often done for

people's approval.

Sadly, many are ignorant and zealously so. Some are beyond thrilled with their ignorance and wouldn't be corrected by the wisest Believer, or by the most biblical scholar, or by the most

righteous Saint,
or even by the
very Scriptures.

It's okay to be
zealous, but it's
probably not ideal
to be zealously ignorant.

April 5

1 Esdras 8:7, Ezra 7:10

**“Skilled in Truth:
A Protection”**



LAW
Commandments
Ordinances
Judgments
Statutes
Word of God

For Esdras had **very great skill**,
so that he omitted nothing of the
law and commandments of the Lord,
but taught Israel the ordinances
and judgments.
(1 Esdras 8:7)

1 Esdras 8:7

“For Esdras had VERY GREAT SKILL, so that he omitted nothing of the LAW and **COMMANDMENTS** of the Lord, but taught all Israel the ORDINANCES and JUDGMENTS.”

Ezra 7:10

“For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the LAW of the Lord, and to do it, and to teach in Israel STATUTES and JUDGMENTS.”

Esdras (Ezra) was very skillful in the law of the Lord. He didn't omit

anything concerning the
law, ordinances,
commandments,
judgments, and statutes
of God.

Why is that significant?

If you thought you had to
know every letter of the
English alphabet or your
job, business, or your entire
family may severely suffer,
wouldn't you want to be

sure you knew every letter
from A to Z well?

You may not only want to
know how to identify each
letter, but you may want to
be sure of the
pronunciations as well as
the sounds each character
made. You would want to be
sure of the correct form or
shape of each letter when
writing both upper and
lower cases. You may also

find out the exact order of the letters in relation to the entire alphabet or even the history of each letter.

If you were determined to know more, you might be prepared with a few words that began with each letter and know how to sing the alphabet song. You might even learn to recite the alphabet both forward and backward. You could study

to know the numerical equivalent of each letter such as “B” is number 2 (the second letter) and “J” is number 10. You’d likely want to know all you could know if that was what it took for protection against unnecessary hardship.

Right?

That was a heart-felt desire for Esdras and he explained

to the king, in detail, how to
avoid major problems.

The king took the warning
seriously as he wanted
protection, rather than

God's wrath, on his
kingdom and personal life.

Do we sometimes fail to see
the benefit of being skillful
in Scripture?

Could understanding and
applying as much scriptural
text as we have available

protect us from pitfalls
which could be prevented?

**1 Esdras 8:21 Let all things be
performed after the LAW of God
diligently unto the most high God,
that wrath come not upon the
kingdom of the king and his sons.**

**Ezra 7:23 Whatsoever is
commanded by the God of
heaven, let it be diligently done for
the house of the God of heaven:
for why should there be wrath
against the realm of the king and**

his sons?

How might we become
proficient in awareness and
comprehension of all God
would have for us?



April 6

Titus 1:16

“Pro-Talk — Anti-Action”



ACTION	FULFILLED
	
	

**They profess that they know
God; but in works they
deny him being abominable,
and disobedient, and unto
every good work reprobate.**

Compare with the 1526 Tyndale:

They confesse that they knowe god : but with dedes they de nye hym and are abhominable / and disobedient / and vnto all good workes discommendable.

**They confess that they know
God: but with deeds they
deny him and are
abominable, and**

disobedient, and
unto all good works
discommendable.

Notice: ⚡ profess/confess,
 ⚡ works/deeds,
 ⚡ reprobate/discommendable

The Authorized King
James Version seems to
say, “even your best is
corrupt”. To me, the 1526
says, “your good works

are not so great.”

I don't know which agrees more closely with the original language, but, in this case, “reprobate” seems more potent. The primary issue, of course, is the overall message.

Some say they know God,
but their actions
show they definitely do

not know God—the God of whom Yeshua spoke that is. Not the popular, westernized, do-what-you-want, have-it-all, no-consequences, so-called, “god”. Their horribly disobedient behavior denies that He is God of their lives.

Their so-called “good” works are actually

against God, rather than
being *for* God.

That's the point both
of these versions make.
Based on how one is
living, it could all be
pro-talk while still being
undeniably anti-action.

April 7

Isaiah 46:9, 10

**“God’s Timing,
God’s Desires”**



⁹ Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me, ¹⁰ Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:

Paraphrase:

Keep the past in mind (with regard to how I have shown up as God in your lives). I am God and there

is no one else even the slightest bit similar to me.

I determine the ending times from the beginning times. I pronounce the old times and the things that have not yet occurred—the future. All of this proves that what I say is all there is to the matter. What I do and how I do it and when I do it stands. Because I am

God, I will exercise my
timing and my desire.

April 8

Jeremiah 17:9,10

**“Motivations &
Actions:
Analyzed & Paid”**



⁹ The heart is deceitful
above all things, and
desperately wicked: who
can know it? ¹⁰ I the
LORD search the heart, I
try the reins, even to give
every man according to
his **ways**, and according
to the **fruit** of his **doings**.

“Follow your heart”,
many say. Really?
Scripture says the
heart is more
deceitful than
anything. The heart

is so bad that it is
described as being,
not just wicked, but
“*desperately*
wicked”.

Maybe some
humans just don’t
understand the
degree of the heart’s
depravity. After all,
why would a parent,
teacher, or spiritual
leader tell someone

to, “follow your heart”? With this scriptural admonition in mind, to tell anyone to do such is like saying, “Do whatever you want to do.” It’s extremely irresponsible advice. So why do some people advise this way?

Many instruct to
“follow your heart”
simply because
they’ve heard it
themselves. For
some, it’s just an
easy, sweet response
that guarantees they
won’t be blamed for
unpleasant
outcomes.

Whatever the

reason, it is
unscriptural advice.
Further, God knows
what is best for
each of us. This
passage says God
searches the
“hearts” and tries
the “reins” of
humankind, but
what does that
mean?

It has been
explained that both
hearts and reins
would best be
interpreted as the
“mind”.

It may be that God
does run-through
tests much like
computer
programmers or
game designers

would test their
product then either
put it on the market,
set it aside for
further work and
testing, or even
discard it. God
analyzes his
creations'
motivations and
actions then, based
on their “ways” or
“the fruit” of their

“doings”, gives to
everyone
accordingly.

Whether such
payment is received
on earth, or in an
after-life, or both, is
debatable and this
passage must be
spiritually discerned
so as not to be
misapplied.

Rightly divided, the
take-away is that
God is not naïve or
blind to the ways of
humans. God digs
deeply and probes
into the character of
God's own creations.

Neither good nor
bad thoughts nor
helpful nor harmful
actions are hidden

from God.

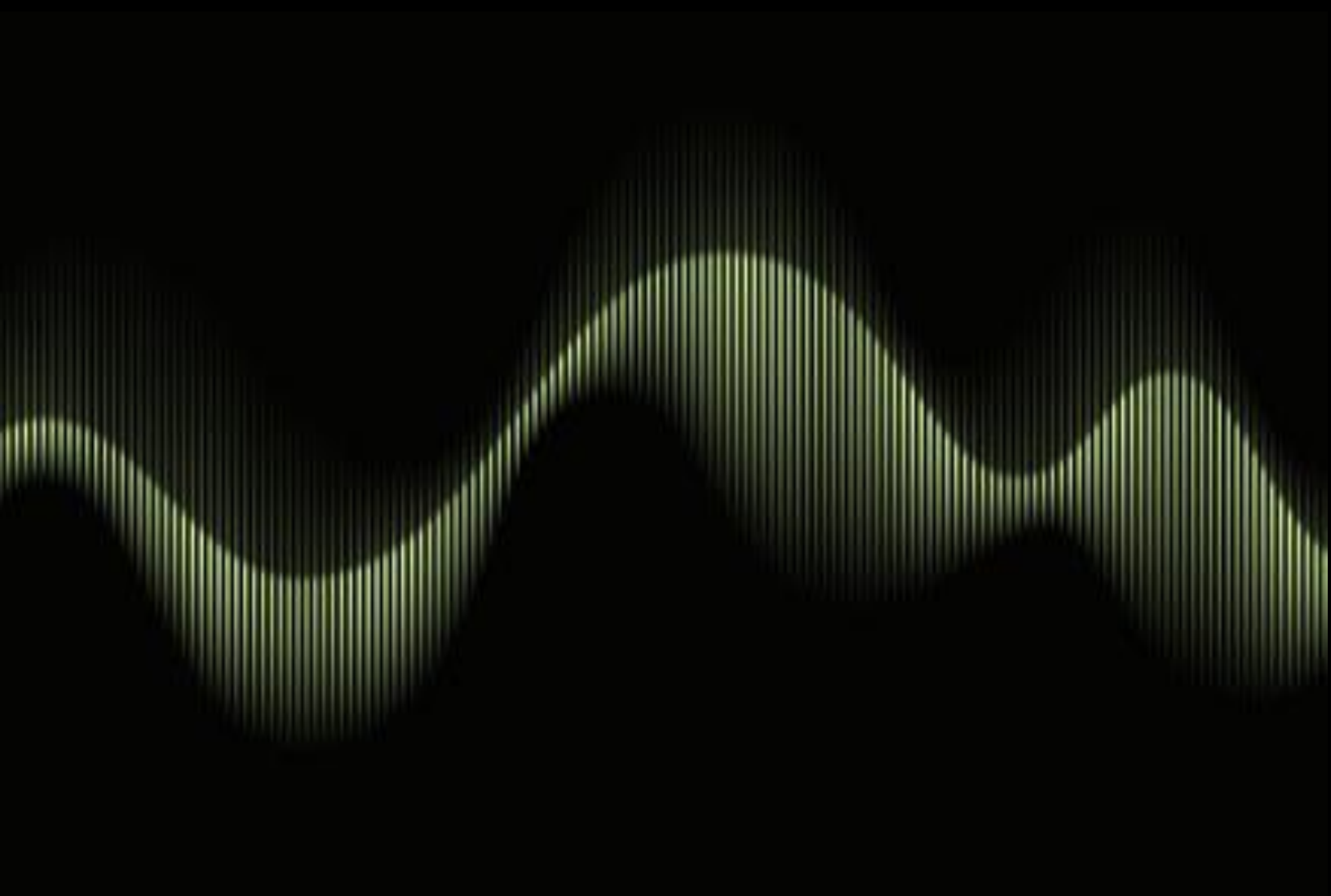
Everything coming from “deceitful and desperately wicked hearts” is, at some point, remunerated.

Motivations and actions are analyzed and paid.

April 9

Romans 8:18

**“It Will All Be Worth
It In The End”**



For I reckon that the sufferings
of this present time are not
worthy to be compared with
the glory which shall
be revealed **in us**.

Are you looking for
immediate gratification?

Do you believe God exists
just because you want to
feel there is *someone*,
somewhere out there, to
make your life even a little
bit better?

Despite what you may repeatedly hear from many, maybe even from most pulpits today, that simply is not the biblical godly life. Instead, there is often much suffering in this existence, especially for true Believers—those who genuinely seek to follow the teachings of Christ more than any religious organization.

But that's not the end of
the story. Having been
through so much suffering
yet also having experienced
so much glory,
including seeing a shining
light and hearing the voice
of the Lord Jesus,
Paul believed the sorrows
here on earth were next-to-
nothing when compared to
the glory that will be made
known "in us".

Basically, we are told that, as for the hardships we must endure now, they will all be worth it in the end.

The compensation—the reward, the glory, for all the grief will be revealed IN US.

We are not told exactly in what way this greater payback situation may take

place, but the writer of this passage said he “reckons” (surmises, imagines, considers it to be so).

This is hope that, whatever sadness or agony we must encounter in physical life, it will someday be seen within us as a really good thing.

April 10

2 Peter 3:9

“God is Not Slack”



**The Lord is not slack
concerning his promise, as
some men count slackness;
but is longsuffering to us-
ward, not willing that any
should perish, but that all
should come to repentance.**

When we look at how
much destruction,
confusion, chaos,
greed, injustice, and
the blatant breaking
of both human as well

as God's laws
goes unchecked and
unpunished, it may
seem as if God is either
unconcerned or is
unwilling, or unable
to fix things—
or is even non-existent.

However, it may be
that God is just so
merciful and patient
rather than careless or

absent that makes God
ever so slow to punish
some things.

According to this
passage, God tolerates
a lot from humankind
because God does not
desire anyone to
“perish” or to be
eternally condemned.

It is God’s desire that

everyone would repent
and, though some view
that compassion as
weakness, it is
fondness rather than
feebleness; mercy,
not madness.

Yes, sometimes it
really does seem as if
God is slack. Maybe we
don't understand, or
we forget what has

already been done on
our behalf or we just
don't understand
what he has actually
promised versus what
we want to believe
he has promised.

We need to know, from
Scripture—not from
preacher, exactly what
God has promised
before we conclude

anything concerning
God's promises.

God is not slack or
haphazard.

*God's long, long, long,
long-suffering* is not
forever-suffering though.
God will make good on
His promises—both
pleasant as well as
unpleasant.

April 11

Luke 7:11-17

“The Dead Has Arisen”



11 And it came to pass the day after, that he went into a city called Nain; and many of his disciples went with him, and much people.

12 Now when he came nigh to the gate of the city, behold, there was a dead man carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow: and much people of the city was with her.

13 And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said unto her, Weep not.

14 And he came and touched the bier: and they that bare him stood still. And he said, Young

man, I say unto thee, Arise.

¹⁵ And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak. And he delivered him to his mother.

¹⁶ And there came a fear on all: and they glorified God, saying, That a great prophet is risen up among us; and, That God hath visited his people.

¹⁷ And this rumor of him went forth throughout all Judaea, and throughout all the region round about.

Bier: A stand on which a corpse or coffin containing a corpse is placed before burial; a coffin along with its

stand; a frame, usually of wood, on which to carry a load; a stretcher (pronounced “beer” as deer or cheer)

This is one of three instances where Jesus is reported to have caused someone to go from clinical death to clinical life. He raised the dead.

It's a fairly commonly known biblical story, but is it just a story—a

fictitious tale, or is it a wonderful miracle that could bring us hope and boost our faith?

Scripture says, “this **rumor** of him went forth throughout all Judaea, and throughout all the region round about.”

What is meant by “rumor” in this passage?

For Thought
and Prayer:

Did Jesus truly raise
the young person from
the dead?

If so, what was the
purpose?

Why has the dead
arisen?

April 12

Psalm 123

“The 123-God’s-Way
from Depression”



¹ Unto thee lift I up mine eyes, O thou that dwellest in the heavens.

² Behold, as the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters, and as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress; so our eyes wait upon the LORD our God, until that he have mercy upon us.

³ Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us: for we are exceedingly filled with contempt.

⁴ Our soul is exceedingly filled with the scorning of those that are at ease, and with the contempt of the proud.

Have you ever been
in a state of
long-lasting depression
or oppression?

This is a prayer from
people who
experienced being put
down, rejected,
mocked, and scorned
systematically.

They spoke to the One
who lives “in the heavens”.

They acknowledged absolute dependence on God, though they were under the control and power of human rulers.

They stated they were waiting for God to show mercy and they pled for mercy.

They told God about their deepest emotional pain in saying, “we are

exceedingly filled with contempt”. God’s own people were expressing how they were being very badly treated and how that affected their very souls.

They were being grievously scorned and treated contemptuously by people who were living comfortably, proudly, and lavishly—the so-called “privileged”.

Psalm 123 is a good
1-2-3-Step Method
for dealing with
misery of any kind:

1 Call on Heavenly
Father. Spiritually look
upward in faith and
expectation.

2 Acknowledge your
dependence on God

and seek His mercy.

3 Tell God what's really happening. Completely and genuinely share with the Most High all you are going through. Express your true feelings without fear or embarrassment.

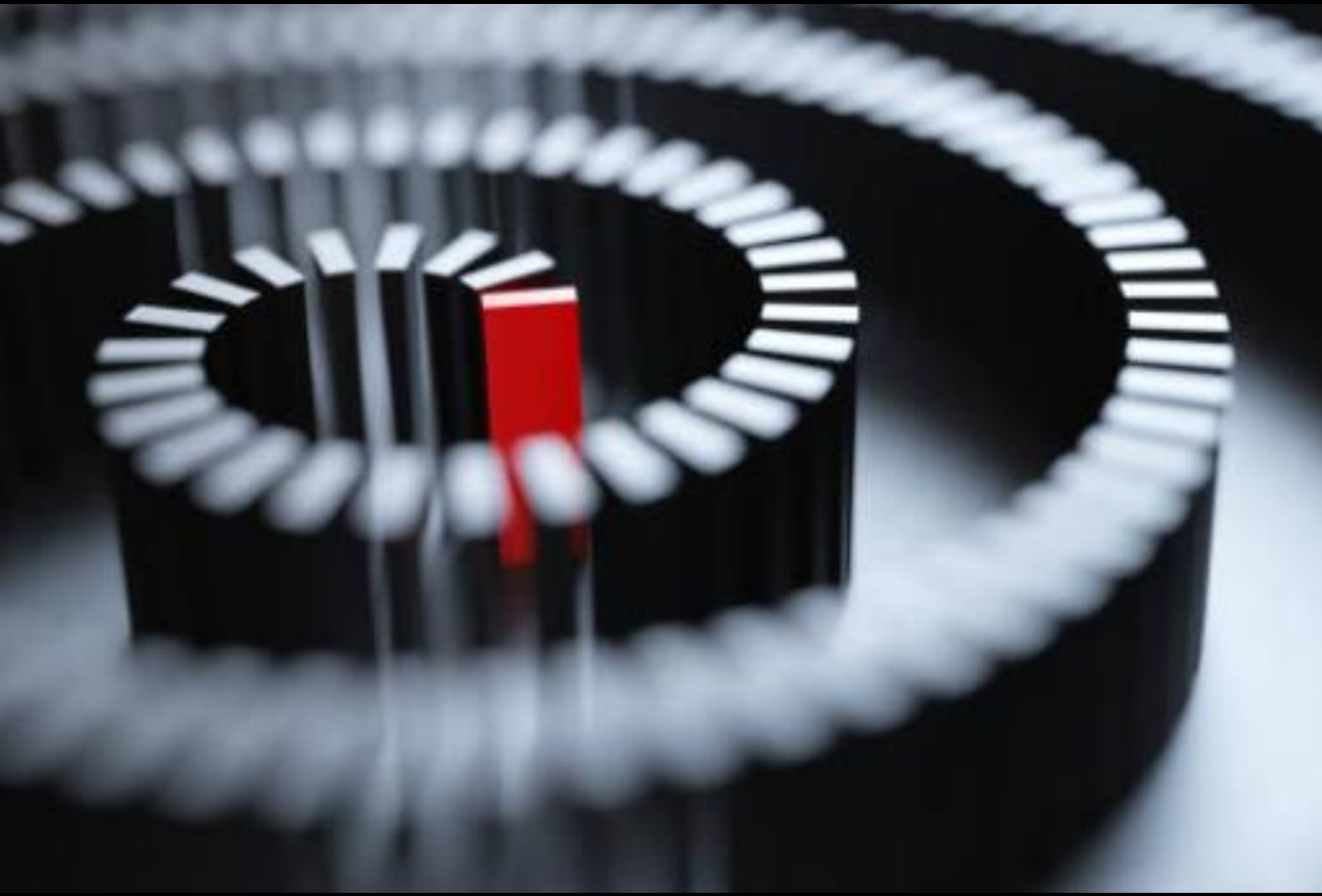
No one, not even
Scriptures, can say it's a

full-on depression-be-gone, but it can't hurt to try this 123-God's-Way Away from Depression.

April 13

Jeremiah 19:1-15

**“God’s Wrath For
Idolatry & Rejection”**



¹ **Thus saith the LORD**, Go and get a potter's earthen bottle, and take of the ancients of the people, and of the ancients of the priests; ² And go forth unto the valley of the son of Hinnom, which is by the entry of the east gate, and proclaim there the words that I shall tell thee, ³ And say, **Hear ye the word of the LORD**, O kings of Judah, and inhabitants of Jerusalem; **Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel**; Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, the which whosoever heareth, his ears

shall tingle. ⁴ **Because they have forsaken me**, and have estranged this place, and have **burned incense** in it **unto other gods**, whom neither they nor their fathers have known, nor the kings of Judah, and have filled this place with the blood of innocents; ⁵ They have **built also the high places of Baal**, to **burn their sons** with fire for burnt offerings **unto Baal**, which I commanded not, nor spake it, neither came it into my mind: ⁶ Therefore, behold, the days come, **saith the LORD**, that

this place shall no more be called Tophet, nor The valley of the son of Hinnom, but The valley of slaughter. ⁷ And I will make void the counsel of Judah and Jerusalem in this place; and I will cause them to fall by the sword before their enemies, and by the hands of them that seek their lives: and their carcasses will I give to be meat for the fowls of the heaven, and for the beasts of the earth. ⁸ And I will make this city desolate, and an hissing; every one that passeth thereby shall be

astonished and hiss because
of all the plagues thereof. ⁹

And I will cause them to eat
the flesh of their sons and the
flesh of their daughters, and
they shall eat every one the
flesh of his friend in the siege
and straitness, wherewith
their enemies, and they that
seek their lives, shall straiten
them. ¹⁰ Then shalt thou break
the bottle in the sight of the
men that go with thee, ¹¹ And
shalt say unto them, **Thus
saith the LORD of hosts;** Even
so will I break this people and
this city, as one breaketh a

potter's vessel, that cannot be made whole again: and they shall bury them in Tophet, till there be no place to bury.

¹² Thus will I do unto this place, **saith the LORD**, and to the inhabitants thereof, and even make this city as Tophet:

¹³ And the houses of Jerusalem, and the houses of the kings of Judah, shall be defiled as the place of Tophet, because of all the houses upon whose roofs they have burned incense unto all the host of heaven, and have poured out drink offerings

unto other gods. ¹⁴ Then came Jeremiah from Tophet, whither the LORD had sent him to prophesy; and he stood in the court of the LORD's house; and said to all the people, ¹⁵ **Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will bring upon this city and upon all her towns all the evil that I have pronounced against it, because they have hardened their necks, that they might not hear my words.**”

God was saying:

- —I **am** going to cause very bad things to happen to you and to this place.
 - —Advice will become useless.
- —I will cause you to die in front of your enemies.
 - —Your dead bodies, including your sons and daughters, will be food for air and land animals.
- —You'll become cannibals because of the harshness.

- —The city will be empty and brutally mocked by others.
- —I will break the people and the city.
 - —Deaths will be so numerous that there won't be any place for burials.
 - —**I am** going to bring about all the evil I've determined for you and your city.

Why was there such
gruesome and morbid
proclamation? Could the
very last sentence of this
chapter, “...because they
have hardened their necks,
that they might not hear my
words” provide insight?

Is this just about *them, then,*
and *there*, or might, at least
some part of it, be useful for
us, here, and now?

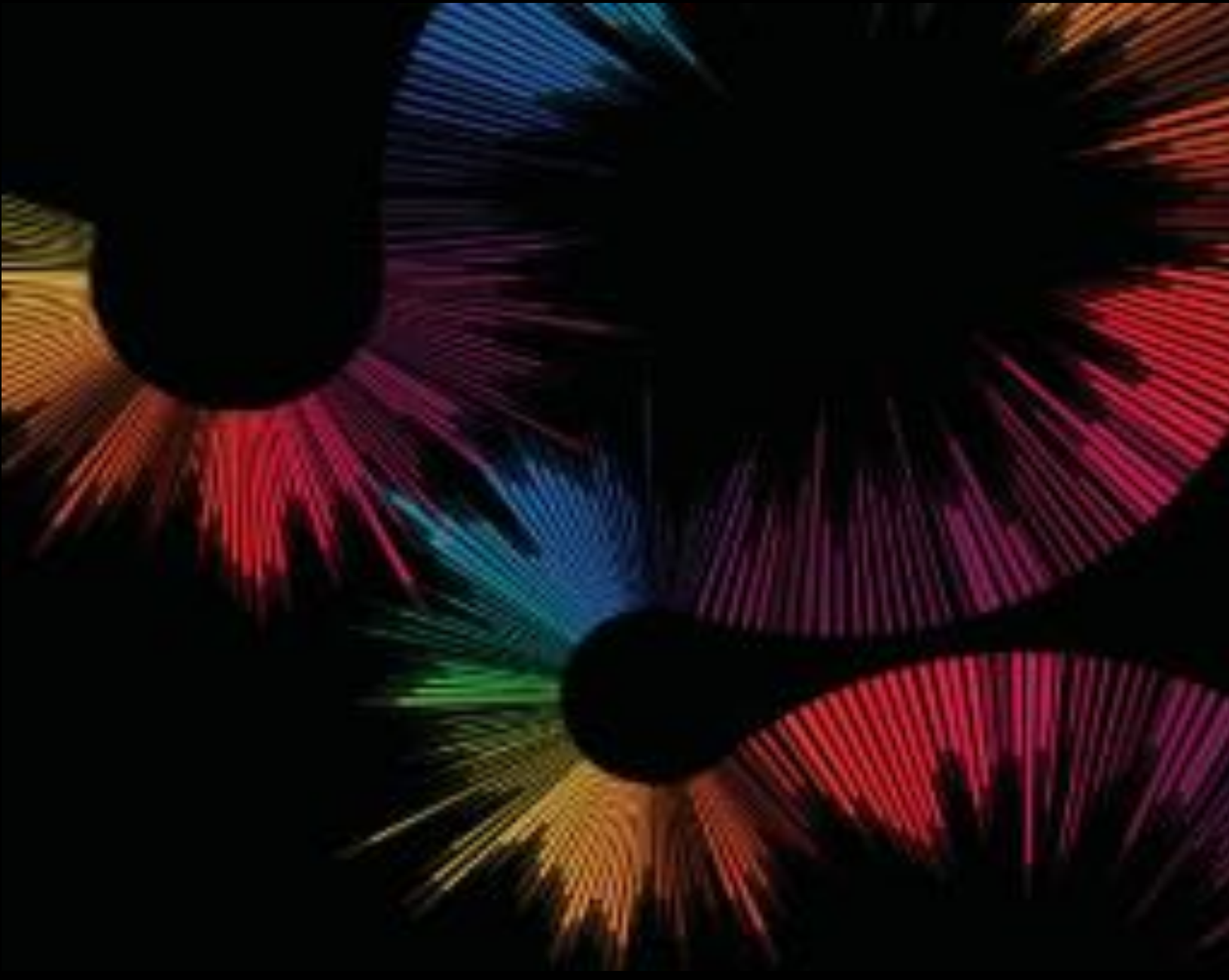
In today's times, are there
some who so reject God's
warnings and truth and
refuse to even *hear* what
"thus saith the LORD..." that
they may be at risk of such
judgments?

Is there a penalty or a
wrath to come for those
who practice idolatry
and reject God's
guidance and warnings?

April 14

John 6:37

“The Process”



**All that the Father giveth me
shall come to me; and him
that cometh to me I will in
no wise cast out.**

There is a doctrine which
purports everyone will be
“saved”. It proclaims that
every single soul,
regardless to the “path”
they take, regardless to
the decisions they make,
despite the entities,
deities, or gods they

worship, or their own willingness to accept or reject God, everyone will go to some good place.

The teaching is that, no matter what choice one makes, everyone goes to glory, eternal peace, paradise, nirvana, or whatever word one wishes to use to describe a blissful eternity—

a good place.

However, in this one
verse, we find the
biblical process.

Here's how it goes:
Whoever the Father
gives to Christ, those
persons will come to
Christ. Therefore,
whoever comes, will
not be rejected
by Christ.

The implication is that those who come to Christ won't be rejected by Christ because they've been, shall we say, "pre-approved".

They've been verified or vetted and accepted. They are "in". Really IN where it counts.

Christ won't say, "Well, Father. You may like

them, but I don't. Let's
take a meeting. Let's
discuss it." NO.

Acceptance by the Father
is acceptance by the Son.

Now, there is no
indication that the
Father will accept
anyone who rejects the
Son.

In fact, Scripture warns

that no one comes to the Father except, **though** the Son (John 14:6).

We see an unbreakable connection—a definitive **oneness** in the process.

There's no bypassing the Son to get to the Father. There's no skipping Son or Father to get to eternal paradise.

The Coverdale Bible
version of 1535 says:

All that my father geueth me, cōmeth
vnto me: and who so cōmeth vnto me, him
wyl not I cast out:

All that my father
giveth me, cometh
unto me: and
whoso cometh unto
me, him will
not I cast out:

So, making up our own rules or following those of others, *because they make us feel good*, will prove useless. Like it or not, this is the process.

April 15

Luke 16:15

**“Popular? Valuable?
Honorable?
Rubbish!”**



And he said unto them, **Ye are they which justify yourselves before men; but God knoweth your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God.**

WHAT do *you* esteem highly? What thing or person, or even place do you give honor and devotion to that you would feel as if you may die if it were destroyed or taken from you?

Would you fight over your favorite sports team or celebrity? Do you think of a religious or political leader as being god-like or actually God?

Do wealthy business moguls and the lifestyles of the rich and famous impress you so much that you would commit crimes to be like them or to have the things they possess?

What about children?

Do you cater to
them or are afraid to
biblically discipline them?

Do you place jobs or
careers over your intimate
time with God? Is a church
building more sacred than
being the church?

Is personal appearance
more cherished than
personal relationship
with the Holy One?

What of cars, houses,
financial investments,
electronic devices,
pets, talent, social
status, etc...?

This passage contains
a clear contrast for
the purpose of clear
comprehension.

Whatever becomes an
ungodly attachment,
which is so valuable and

so treasured to an
individual or to
humans as a whole,
may be viewed as
disgusting rubbish
in God's sight.

*“...highly esteemed
among men is
abomination in the
sight of God.”*

April 16

1 Samuel 16:7

“Inside”



But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.

The Lord told Samuel to disregard physical appearance in making his decision.

The God-directed selection was not to be based on attractiveness or even height.

As we know, those are two factors which are still considered to be revered even today.

However, God has a very different measure of value. God did not approve of one

but did approve of another
based on specific criteria
for a specific task. At least
in that case, God was
looking on the inside—
the heart or a godly
particular characteristic.

We have Scripture
reminding us that God
does not see
things in the same way
humans see things.

This is totally in line with the biblical passage which tells us that God's thoughts and ways are much higher than our thoughts and ways (Isaiah 55:8,9).

Throughout Scripture we are urged to be aware of discrepancy between the outside (what is displayed) and the INSIDE

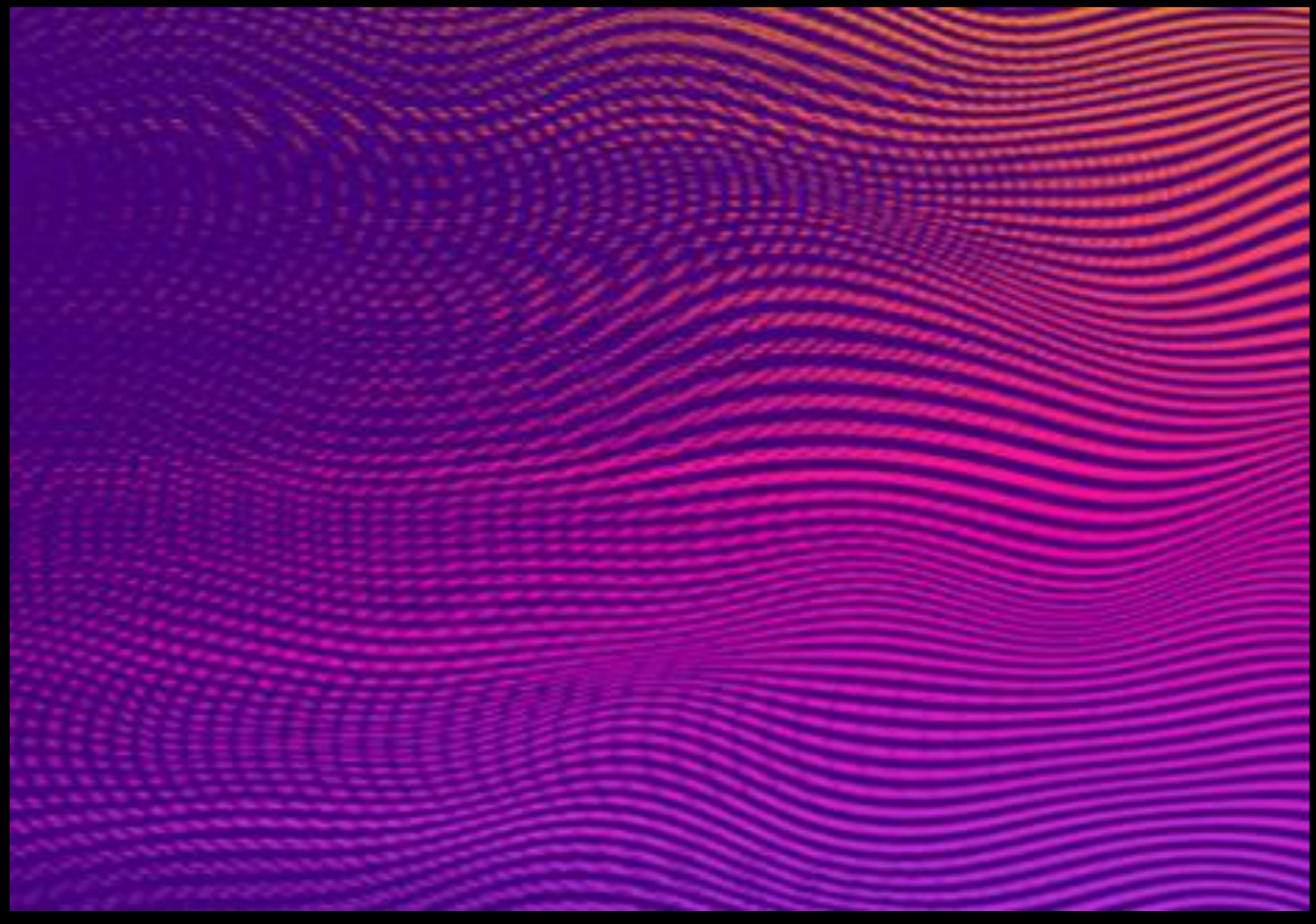
(what is real from the
heart).

If you're ever
Contemplating
the godliness
of a person, the main
consideration
should be
hers or his
INSIDE.

April 17

Isaiah 65:17

**“Forgotten & Never
Brought To Mind?”**



For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind.

New heavens?

Is this “heavens” as in atmosphere? Is it a singular place, as in heaven or paradise?

What will be the purpose of there being new heavens?

A new earth?

If there will be a new earth, should we not be concerned about this one? Should we not recycle because, after all, the old earth won't exist anyway?

“The former” will not be remembered?

Is it that the past earth, itself, won't be remembered or does

this mean people won't
recall their lives on
this current earth?

What does it all mean
for today's time?

The chapter contains
detailed prophecy, but
what does it mean for
present-day Believers?

April 18

Luke 16:19-31

**“Abraham’s Bosom
vs. Hell & Torments”**



19 There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day:
20 And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores, **21** And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. **22** And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; **23** And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. **24** And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the

tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame. ²⁵ But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented. ²⁶ And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence. ²⁷ Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house: ²⁸ For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this

place of torment. ²⁹ Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.

³⁰ And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent. ³¹ And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.

Questions For Thought and Discussion:

© Was the beggar's body ever buried? Does burial,

itself, have any relevance concerning one's eternity?

◎ Does that permanent “gulf” dividing “Abraham’s bosom” and that “place of torment” allow sight but not travel between the two destinations?

◎ Is “Abraham’s bosom” in existence after the resurrection of Christ?

◎ It's at least fairly reasonable (within the context of Scripture) that the rich man's selfishness in his extravagance made him worthy of the unpleasant locale.

However, what entitled the beggar to a pleasant after-life? Surely extreme poverty is not a criterion for the good place.

◎ Was this *good place*

versus *bad place* story,
just that, a story or
parable but not a
re-telling of an actual
account?

◎ What message was
Christ conveying
in relaying this account?

◎ What should the
Believer come away with
from having read/heard
this information?

April 19

Joshua 24:15, 1 Kings 18:21

**“CHOICES: Good,
Bad, In-between”**



Joshua 24:15

And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, **choose you this day** whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

1 Kings 18:21

And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, **How long halt ye between two opinions?** if the LORD be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him. And the people answered him not a word.

Matthew 6:21-24

21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

22 The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. 23 But if thine eye be evil,

thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness! 24

No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

James 1:6, 8

⁶ But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For **he that wavereth** is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. ⁸ A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.

Ecclesiasticus 15:16-17

¹⁶ He hath set fire and water before thee: stretch forth thy hand unto whether thou wilt. ¹⁷ **Before man is life and death**, and whether him liketh shall be given him.

Think About It

What are some important decisions with which you have been faced?

What choices did you make and why?

Does every person have the same choices or options in life?

How significant are

choices?

Are there choices
which could have
lasting effects on life,
future generations, the
course of history, or
even eternity?

Can choices affect
happiness? Could one
bad or harmful choice
affect the ability, or loss
of ability, to make other

choices? Is there always
a clear right and wrong
choice or are there
sometimes only bad,
good, better, and best
choices—or decisions
one makes based on
available choices or
options?

April 20

**2 Peter 2:1-3, 12-15, 18-19;
James 1:13-15**

**“Deceived—
Led Away”**



2 Peter 2:

1-3 ¹ But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in **damnable heresies**, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. ² And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom **the way of truth shall be evil spoken of**. ³ And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.

12-15

¹² But these, as natural brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed, speak evil of the things that they understand not; and shall utterly perish in their own corruption; ¹³ And shall receive the reward of unrighteousness, as they that count it pleasure to riot in the day time. Spots they are and blemishes, sporting themselves with **their own deceivings** while they feast with you; ¹⁴ Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin; beguiling unstable souls: an heart they have exercised with covetous practices; cursed children:

**¹⁵ Which have forsaken the right way,
and are gone astray, following the way
of Balaam the son of Bosor, who loved
the wages of unrighteousness;**

18-19

**¹⁸ For when they speak great
swelling words of vanity, they allure
through the lusts of the flesh, through
much wantonness, those that were
clean escaped from them who live in
error. ¹⁹ While they promise them
liberty, they themselves are the
servants of **corruption**: for **of whom** a
man is overcome, **of the same** is he
brought in bondage.**

Wanton means: lewd, outrageous, promiscuous, shameless, unprincipled, unscrupulous, wayward, malicious, arbitrary, contrary, evil, merciless, ornery, perverse, senseless, spiteful, unjustifiable, vicious, wicked, willful, careless, capricious, changeable, fickle, frivolous, lavish, rash, reckless, unrestrained, wasteful, and wild.

James 1:13-15

¹³ Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: ¹⁴ But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust,

and enticed. ¹⁵ Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

What leads or draws
YOU away from truth?

Are there really some
who follow false
prophets or false
teachers who
deliberately speak
evil against truth?

What can Followers
of Christ do to
prevent being
deceived
and led away?

April 21

Psalm 44:20-21

“God Knows”



**²⁰ If we have forgotten
the name of our God, or
stretched out our hands
to a strange god;**

**²¹ Shall not God search
this out? for he knoweth
the secrets of the heart.**

Some people often lie,
not just to others,
but especially to
themselves.

Actually, it is Satan
who deceives. Even so,
here, we're reminded

that Creator is capable
of digging into us as
would happen during a
medical procedure
whereby surgeons look
deeply into the body to
discover physical issues.
Similarly, God searches
within our spiritual
bodies to detect
spiritual sickness.

Even when we deny
spiritual illness, if we

have sought out “a
strange god”, God
knows.

When physicians
perform a laparoscopy,
it is considered, by
medical professionals,
to be major surgery.

As such, it has the
potential for major
complications including
injury to internal
organs and bleeding,

injury to the bowel or
damage to the bladder.
Therefore, only highly
skilled surgeons should
perform this procedure.

God, Creator of our
bodies as well as of
our spirits, is the
highest skilled of all
and is fully competent
to examine and
diagnose our deepest
inward condition

without making
things worse. God
knows the
secrets of hearts.

Ezekiel 11:5 states,
“And the Spirit of the
LORD fell upon me,
and said unto me,
Speak; Thus saith the
LORD; Thus have ye
said, O house of Israel:
for I know the things
that come into your

mind, *every one*
of them.”

So, “if we have
forgotten the name
of our God, or
stretched out our
hands to a strange
god”, Creator
God is aware.

This passage is not
talking about
knowing a proper

name for God or
using the correct
pronunciation or
language. It's about
understanding that
God knows if, when,
and where we have
left Him to pursue
“a strange god”.

Such strange gods
could be the quest
for wealth, addictions
to harmful foods,
drinks, and other

substances,
addictions to gaming
and gambling, lewd
lifestyles of a sexual
nature, an infatuation
with the occult, various
forms of entertainment,
or actual deities, etc.

Though we may
attempt to rationalize
our motivations for
slipping into darkness,
God searches our

hearts and knows
the truth—even
things we may
believe to be our
own private little
secrets.

Know this.
God knows.

April 22

John 5:24

**“From Death to
Life: That’s a
Promise”**



Verily, verily, I say unto you,
He that heareth **my word**, and
believeth on him that sent me,
hath everlasting life, and shall
not come into condemnation;
but is passed from death unto
life.

Oh, what a serious
promise! We are told
that whomever hears
and believes the word
of Christ (*which was
before any Bible
version*), gains
everlasting life.

No condemnation—
from physical
death straight to
spiritual and
eternal true life.

So many people say
they want a “positive”
message, but they
reject this one.

Why is that?

April 23

Ecclesiasticus 12:10-18

“About Your Enemy”



¹⁰ Never trust thine enemy: for like as iron rusteth, so is his wickedness. ¹¹ Though he humble himself, and go crouching, yet take good heed, and beware of him, and thou shalt be unto him, as if thou hadst wiped a looking glass, and thou shalt know that his rust hath not been altogether wiped away. ¹² Set him not by thee, lest when he hath overthrown thee, he stand up in thy place, neither let him sit at thy right hand, lest he seek to take thy seat, and thou at the last. ¹³ Who will pity a charmer that is bitten with a serpent, or any such as come nigh wild beasts? ¹⁴ So one that goeth to a sinner, and is defiled with him in his sins, who will pity? ¹⁵ For a while he will abide with thee, but if thou begin to fall, he will not

tarry. ¹⁶ An enemy speaketh sweetly with his lips, but in his heart he imagineth how to throw thee into a pit: he will weep with his eyes, but if he find opportunity, he will not be satisfied with blood. ¹⁷ If adversity come upon thee, thou shalt find him there first, and though he pretend to help thee, yet shall he undermine thee. ¹⁸ He will shake his head and clap his hands, and whisper much, and change his countenance.

Enemies! They are often smile-in-your-face backstabbers who pretend to care about you as if they

were on your side.

There is a song from 1971 by a group named “The Undisputed Truth” called “Smiling Faces Sometimes”. Though secular, the ominous music with its driving base line and the profound lyrics of that work was almost prophetic. They even said, “Oh, Lord” and

“Amen”.

Some of the Lyrics: 

*Smiling faces –
Sometimes –
Pretend to be your
friend*

*Smiling faces –
Show no traces
Of the evil that
lurks within.*

*Smiling faces.
Smiling faces –
Sometimes*

*They don't tell the
truth.*

Smiling faces.

*Smiling faces
tell lies*

And I got proof...

*Remember a smile
is just a frown*

*Turned upside
down, my friend...*

*Beware of the
Handshake that
hides a snake*

*Beware of the pat
on the back
It just might hold
you back
Jealousy, misery,
envy... - I tell you
You can't see behind
smiling faces...*

The Ojay's sang
about "backstabbers"
in a secular hit of
that same title.

♪ *“They’re smiling in
your face. All the time
they want to take your
place. The backstabbers.
Backstabbers!”*

This scriptural passage,
written long before either
of these songs were ever
thought about, carries the
same sentiment.

Verse 12 says,
“...overthrow thee

...stand up in thy place”.
It is solid wisdom and
a serious warning.

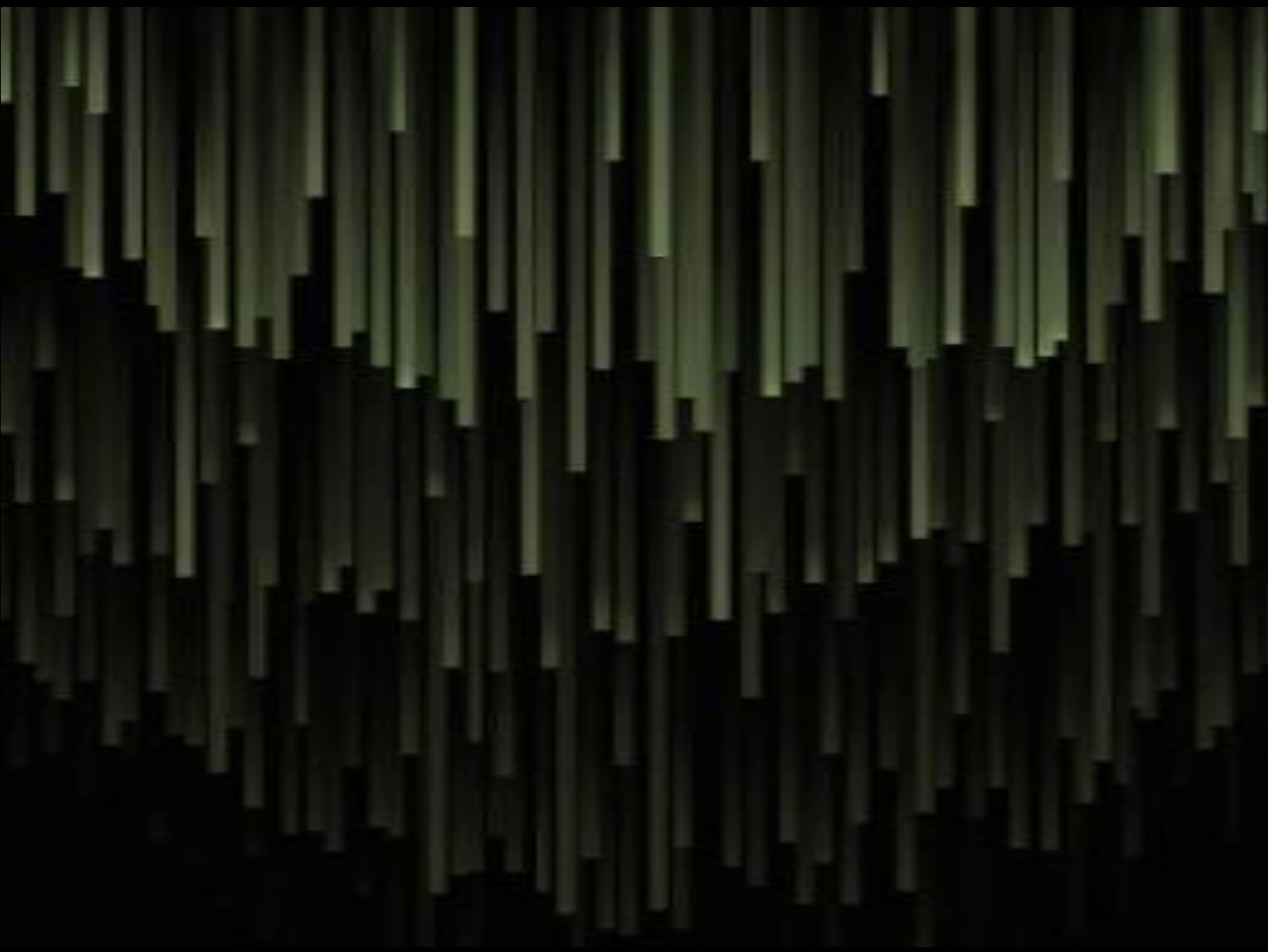
I wish I had heard of
this years ago. There are
minions everywhere—
and unlike in the
children’s movies,
real-life minions are
not friendly.

This passage is a
valuable heads-up
about your enemy.

April 24

Isaiah 1:2-9

**“Corrupters –OR–
a Remnant”**



² Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth: for **the LORD hath spoken**, I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me. ³ The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib: but Israel doth not know, my people doth not consider.

⁴ Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are **corrupters**: they have forsaken the LORD, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger, they are gone away backward. ⁵ Why should ye be stricken any more? ye will revolt more and more: the whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint.

⁶ From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it; but wounds, and bruises, and putrifying sores: they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment. ⁷ Your country is desolate, your cities are burned with fire: your land, strangers devour it in your presence, and it is desolate, as overthrown by strangers. ⁸ And the daughter of Zion is left as a cottage in a vineyard, as a lodge in a garden of cucumbers, as a besieged city. ⁹ Except the LORD of hosts had left unto us **a very small remnant**, we should have been as Sodom, and

**we should have been like unto
Gomorrah.**

That “very small remnant” is not described in this passage. It is, however, understood that they are the exact opposite of the “corrupters”, which are vividly characterized.

How do corrupters behave?

Though nurtured, they rebel against that care. As some

say, “they don’t know and they

don’t want to know”. They openly reject God. Verse 3 indicates that though even animals know their owners and how to return to them, these rebellious people don’t have that much sense.

They are filled with sin and wickedness as were evil-doers before them. They provoke God, have gone backward,

and seemingly with no reason
for doing so. They just get

worse and worse, through
and through, top to bottom.

The corrupters are as
rotting, festering, open sores
and they use nothing for
healing. They are spiritually
desolate all around.

They don't even realize that
it's the existence of that tiny

remnant which keeps them
from total annihilation as was
done to the cities of Sodom

and Gomorrah after God's
own people were removed.

That very small minority of
souls are the ones who are
thought of as “weird”; the
oppressed and isolated ones
who are often ignored or
rejected in general society.

Here's an important
question:

When we personally examine
our own lives, do we find

a greater similarity to
the corrupters or
to the remnant?

April 25

Ecclesiasticus 1:29

“Watch Yo’ Mouf”



Be not an hypocrite in the sight of men, and take good heed what thou speakest.

Don't be seen as a hypocrite. That's what happens when what you say does not match what you do.

When your actions don't agree with your words, you're being hypocritical.

So “take good heed”.
Pay close attention to
the words that come
out of your mouth.

An old Southern way
of saying that is,
“watch yo’ mouf”.

WATCH what you say.
Make sure that what you
say is in line with what
you actually do.

April 26

Matthew 23:37

**“Chickens &
Wings”**



**O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou
that killest the prophets, and
stonest them which are sent
unto thee, how often would I
have gathered thy children
together, even as a hen
gathereth her chickens under
her wings, and ye would not!**

You, Jerusalem, I'm
talking to you. You are the
murderers of the
prophets. You are killers
of the messengers which
have been sent to help

you! There have been so many times that I would have brought your children together. Just as a hen gathers her young under her wings, I would have reunited you all. But no, you did not want that. No! You would not allow it to be that way!

Has God sent prophetic messengers to you that

you have “killed” by
rejecting them—by
shutting them out and
turning them away?
Perhaps they were a
gender or skin color
you felt was
undeserving so you
did or said something
to push them away
without ever accepting,
or even hearing, their
message from God

to you.

Has the Almighty
tried to gather you
just as a hen collects
her own chickens
under her wings of
protection, while
you have refused
to cooperate?

April 27

Ezekiel 11:14-21

**“One Heart,
New Spirit”**



¹⁴ Again **the word of the LORD** came unto me, saying, ¹⁵ Son of man, thy brethren, even thy brethren, the men of thy kindred, and all the house of Israel wholly, are they unto whom the inhabitants of Jerusalem have said, Get you far from the LORD: unto us is this land given in possession.

¹⁶ Therefore say, **Thus saith the Lord GOD**; Although I have cast them far off among the heathen, and although I have scattered them among the countries, yet will **I be to them as a little sanctuary** in the countries where they shall come. ¹⁷ Therefore say, **Thus saith the Lord GOD**; I will even

gather you from the people, and assemble you out of the countries where ye have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel. ¹⁸ And they shall come thither, and they shall take away all the **detestable things thereof and all the abominations** thereof from thence. ¹⁹ **And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them an heart of flesh:** ²⁰ That they may walk in my statutes, and keep mine ordinances, and do them: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God. ²¹ But as for them whose heart walketh after the heart of

their detestable things and their abominations, I will recompense their way upon their own heads, saith the Lord GOD.

PARAPHRASE:

The LORD told me: Your Israelite brethren have been urged to leave me. So tell them I said that though I have placed you all a long way off and among the heathen and have scattered them in

many countries, things
will change. To them, I
will be as “a little
sanctuary”.

Tell them I said: I’m going
to gather and assemble
them out of the countries
where they have been
scattered and that I will
give them the land of
Israel. Severe wickedness
will be destroyed. I will

give them a united heart
and a new spirit.

I will replace the hard,
stone-like heart with one
that is soft and willing so
they will be able to do
what is right and to be my
people. I will be their God.

Nonetheless, there will be
some who just won't do
right, no matter what.

They are determined to
love the very core of
“detestable things” and
the “abominations” of
those vile things.

Because they reject the
one heart and new spirit
that I want to give them,
they will be paid, on
“their own heads”,
their own ways.

April 28

Judith 8:12-17

**“Don’t Try To
Control God”**



Background: The Jews were at great risk of being annihilated. The leaders had decided that if God did not come through for them within 5 days, they would surrender to Nebuchadnezzar. Judith, however, did not agree and spoke to the cities' council:

¹² And now who are ye that have tempted God this day, and stand instead of God among the children of men?

¹³ And now try the Lord

Almighty, but ye shall never know any thing. ¹⁴ For ye cannot find the depth of the heart of man, neither can ye perceive the things that he thinketh: then how can ye search out God, that hath made all these things, and know his mind, or comprehend his purpose? Nay, my brethren, provoke not the Lord our God to anger. ¹⁵ For if he will not help us within these five days, he hath power to defend us when he will, even every day, or to destroy us before our enemies. ¹⁶ Do not bind the

**counsels of the Lord our God:
for God is not as man, that he
may be threatened; neither is
he as the son of man, that he
should be wavering.**

**¹⁷ Therefore let us wait for
salvation of him, and call upon
him to help us, and he will hear
our voice, if it please him.**

**This woman put the whole
government of that land in
check and did not let them
get away with their
wavering, wishy-washy**

ways.

She tells them: Who are *you* to tempt God and put yourselves in God's place in front of people?!

You all don't know anything. You don't even know what humans feel and think so how can you know what God, who created humans, will do?

No, my brothers. Do not
provoke the LORD to
anger! Don't limit him to
five days. He can deliver us
whenever he wants to, if he
chooses to do so, or he can
allow our enemies to
destroy us. Don't "bind the
counsels of the Lord our
God". Don't try to restrict,
dictate, and control God's
actions. God is not like
humans and cannot be

threatened. There must be no ultimatums or time tables for YHWH. God doesn't waiver either.

So, let's wait for his deliverance. Continue to call on him for help.

If it's what he wants, he'll hear us.

This certainly is not the modern-day pseudo-religious advice many

get from *church leaders*.
You know who they are.
They are the name, claim,
declare and decree,
demand and command
types of leaders. They
attempt to “speak” their
wants “into existence”, as
they so often say. They
believe they can say what’s
not true as if it were true,
they pray to a chair and
send “their angels” to do

their bidding to make things happen. All of these sorceries, and more, are done in the name of God.

They're the twisted religious (and even social) influencers who attempt to manipulate God.

This godly advice from Judith was needful then and certainly applies to situations for Believers of

present times. It's the kind of faith in God that is needed in any situation where someone else seemingly, or in fact, has power over your life.

That woman, who wouldn't even be allowed to speak in many religious councils or in many congregations today, said something so powerful that it should be

understood and
remembered by all who
profess faith in Creator.

The message is that those
who seek God for mercy,
protection, deliverance, or
guidance must ask God,
wait on God, trust God,
and accept the fact that
God may or God may not
do what's asked.
God decides.

Above all, we are never
to try to control the
Most High! He does
not operate by our
time-lines and
deadlines and will
not be controlled.

April 29

Jeremiah 44:4-6

**“Wasted
Warnings?”**



**⁴ Howbeit I sent unto you all
my servants the prophets,
rising early and sending them,
saying, Oh, do not this
abominable thing that I hate.**

**⁵ But they hearkened not, nor
inclined their ear to turn from
their wickedness, to burn no
incense unto other gods.**

**⁶ Wherefore my fury and mine
anger was poured forth, and
was kindled in the cities of
Judah and in the streets of
Jerusalem; and they are
wasted and desolate,
as at this day.**

Of this, and situations similar to it, where God warns and warns, but to no avail, more often than not, humans disregard mercy.

They see God's patience as impotence or as God's non-existence. Many are hard-hearted and disbelieving—
for a reason.

Where evil flourishes,
even good has great
potential to go bad. For
many, not seeing is not
believing. When nothing is
done and seemingly there
are no consequences for
bad behavior, that way
continues and even
worsens. Then,
suddenly God slams and
annihilates, but by then,
it's too late.

Punishment? Many think God can't or won't punish because he doesn't seem to do that often, if ever—as far as they can tell.

Rebellious, stiff-necked, hardened, law-of-God breakers decide that since God allows what they do, it's either not so bad, he must not be able to stop it, he doesn't really care, or he

really isn't there at all. If he does exist, he must be too sweet or too weak because he lets even his own messengers be killed.

God's warnings, however, are not wasted.

They purposefully will serve as a testimony against the disobedient.

There's a song which was first recorded by Blind

Willie Johnson
entitled, “Nobody’s Fault
But Mine”. The
haunting sounds and
words of that work
address warnings,
responsibilities, and
consequences of wayward
wickedness.

FYI, a few good
performances of this song
are by Nina Simone, Sister

Rosetta Tharpe, The Blind
Boys of Alabama, The
Staple Singers, Flossie
Boyd-Johnson, and
Johnny Shines.

The lyrics are as follows:

♪ *Nobody's fault
but mine. Nobody's
fault but mine.
If I die and my
soul be lost.*

*Nobody's fault but
mine.*

Indeed, it may well
appear as if God's
warnings were for
some other people or
for some other time or
just nonsense stories
designed to scare and
control the masses.
Nonetheless, come
judgment (according

to Scripture), there will be no legitimate excuses. Plenty of warnings were given but, “they hearkened not, nor inclined their ear to turn from their wickedness...”

Would wicked people change their ways if they knew they were setting the stage

for their own eternal
demise—that they were
“hanging themselves”
and setting themselves
up to be without
excuse one day?

We may ask ourselves,
are God’s warnings
wasted warnings?

April 30

Revelation 10

“What Is That Bitter-Belly-Making Little Book?”



¹ And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire: ² And he had in his hand a little **book** open: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and his left foot on the earth, ³ And cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roareth: and when he had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices. ⁴ And when the seven thunders had uttered their voices, I was about to write: and I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Seal up those things which

the seven thunders uttered, and write them not. ⁵ And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven, ⁶ And sware by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that there should be time no longer: ⁷ But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, **the mystery of God** should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants

the prophets. ⁸ And the voice which I heard from heaven spake unto me again, and said, Go and take the little book which is open in the hand of the angel which standeth upon the sea and upon the earth. ⁹ And I went unto the angel, and said unto him, Give me the little book. And he said unto me, Take it, and eat it up; and it shall make thy belly bitter, but it shall be in thy mouth sweet as honey. ¹⁰ And I took the little book out of the angel's hand, and ate it up; and it was in my mouth sweet as honey: and

as soon as I had eaten it, my belly was bitter. ¹¹ And he said unto me, Thou must prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings.

This is one passage on which to think and to meditate.

Sure, we could read someone's commentary. We could try to find how one person or another decided to interpret it and how those interpretations

may be similar or may differ. We may even already fully understand what this means—or at least *think* we do. But for me, I have to read, re-read, perhaps listen to it through an audio Bible program or in various Bible versions or even in other languages.

More importantly, I will want to continue to listen to

the Holy Spirit to fully comprehend, ingest, and appreciate this passage. The book of Revelation is too much of a mystery with too many layers for anyone to think we fully comprehend every part of it. There's always room for expansion and depth.

♪ There is a song about the book of Revelation

with the following
applicable lyrics:

*I think I'll read it again
and see how high I can fly.
I think I'll read it again of
how my feet are gonna'
rise. I think I'll read it
again – the mighty
book of Revelation...
I think I'll read it again
and let it bless my soul.*

I must certainly read
it again, and again,
and again... to better
absorb Revelation 10
and all it means—
including that little
book which is
capable of making
the belly bitter.

**Hopefully these One-A-Day
Scripture guidelines will
foster personal studies,
questions, and deeper levels
of thought.**

**May you pursue wisdom and
instruction from the Most
High while allowing Creator
to deepen insight and
discussion and, above all,
please keep in mind that no
human did, does, or will
ever know everything.**

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